

Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 principles of Leave No Trace skills and ethics

- o **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- o **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- o **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- o **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- o **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- o **Respect Wildlife:** Hang food and scented items 10 feet up and 4 feet out from trunk of tree. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- o **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

EMERGENCIES: In case of emergency, go to the nearest phone (as located on map) and call 586-1399 or 911. Please remember that patrol cabins are not routinely staffed. Climb to higher elevations to attempt cell phone use.

Site Location: The sites are located in a forested area east of the lake. The individual sites are located north of the trail about 200 yards east of the lake. From the sign, the trail to the sites follows a small creek and is marked by red arrowheads. The stock site is about 75 yards from the lake on the south side of the trail and slightly east of the hitchrack. Pitch tent within 15' of post with silver arrowhead to limit impact on surrounding vegetation. The group site is designated with a "G". Horse parties should use the stock site.

Number of Sites: 3 indiv., 1 group & 1 stock

Distance: 6.8 mi.

Privy: YES

Elevation: 10,574 ft.

Approx. Travel Time: 5½ to 6½ hrs.

Elevation Change: 2,074 ft.

Water Source: Obtain water from the stream west of the campsites. Boil or adequately treat all water.

To Reach the Trailhead(TH): The TH is located at the Wild Basin Ranger Station. Take CO Hwy 7 south from Estes Park, pass the turnoff to the Longs Peak Ranger Station. Take the marked turnoff to the Wild Basin Ranger Station and turn again just beyond the Wild Basin Lodge. The Ranger Station and TH are at the end of the small dirt road.

